(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to grant loan from this fund to encourage a particular type of technique; and

(c) if so, what is this technique and the industries in which this is being used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) A scheme for technology upgradation for the small scale industries is being formulated.

Upper limit of capital investment in SSI

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SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that upper limit of capital investment in the units of small scale industries is fixed;

(b) if so, what is this limit;

(c) whether Government have recently raised the upper limit of capital investment in the units engaged in manufacturing of certain other items; and

(d) if so, what is this limit and the names of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The upper limit of investment in plant and machinery is fixed at Rs. **100** lakhs for a unit to be classified as a small scale undertaking.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.